

MINE BLAST BLAMED ON RUNAWAY CAR BREAKING ELECTRIC WIRE

82 BODIES TAKEN OUT

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That a disaster in the shaft was made doubly shocking.

Air currents have been established in the mine and all parts can be entered safely.

The mine was considered one of the most modern in the Birmingham section.

"While the loss of life is terrible, we are indeed grateful that more of the large number of workmen did not suffer," Frank Crookard, president of the Woodward Iron Works, said.

But the second explosion of the kind ever recorded in mining history, according to C. H. Nesbitt, Alabama mining inspector.

Of those killed nearly all were white. More negroes than white were injured, however. Of about seventy men, electricians and sub-foreman for the most part, who were at work in the shaft yard at the time of the explosion, only one is known to have come out uninjured.

Rescued Horror-Stricken.

About sixty men employed in the wings were injured by fire and burns and fire damp, although but few of them were seriously injured.

The first entrance to the mine was reached at 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, rescue workers going through mine No. 2. Shortly after more than 100 men had been brought to the surface, very few of whom were injured.

One of these, horror-stricken at what he had seen, shouted:

"I saw men killed before my eyes. They were flung here and there in the main entrance."

As soon as word of the explosion was passed around a crowd estimated at 2,500 gathered in front of the mine. Many of these were women and children, wives, mothers and daughters and sons of the entombed men. Their screams and prayers were mingled with the frantic commands from these directing the work of rescue.

Ambulances from Birmingham and Bessemer started for the scene at once. Doctors, nurses and every available rescue squad followed in automobiles. Thousands of citizens, some curious others anxious to be of service started.

The fire department was called out to assist in putting out the flames on the tipple but were unable to make any substantial headway.

Superintendent T. W. True, with four negro workmen, was on the tipple at the time of the explosion. All five were seriously injured, and were rushed to hospitals.

ROTARIANS WILL GIVE KIDDIES BIG DAY

Four thousand Youngsters Expected at Christmas Fete for Poor.

Four thousand poor and homeless children will be feted to an "entire day with Santa Claus" on December 20, when the annual Kiddies' Christmas party will be held by the Washington Rotary Club at the New Willard Hotel.

Bulging bags of presents for every child attending will be distributed, while entertainers from local theaters will make merry with the children about a huge Christmas tree which will be placed in the center of the ballroom.

Invitations will be mailed today to every institution head and church pastor in the District urging them to supply the names of needy children they desire to send to the party. Last year 3,700 children were cared for.

Henry Bittinger is chairman of the committee on arrangements which is composed, according to custom, of "baby" Rotarians, or men elected to membership during the year. Other members followed: Dr. Frank Ballou, Frank N. Griggs, Roland Whitehurst, Robert Lawrence, Robert H. Hay, Dr. Chester D. Swope, Thomas Bones, Hugh Baum, Wymond Bradbury, W. L. Radcliffe, Dr. J. R. Stewart, Robert E. Mann, Dr. J. A. Talbot, W. C. Wimsatt, W. E. Griffith, A. G. Herrmann, Warren F. Brenizer, Dr. E. G. Breeding, Albert Schulteis and Dr. A. C. Simpson.



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REDS START FOR JOLIET CELLS



Five of the thirteen radicals who have been sentenced to do penance for their disloyal and communistic actions and utterances during the war. William Bross Lloyd, millionaire communist should be shown in this photograph, but the authorities are unable to locate him in order to take him into custody for his commitment. Photograph shows left to right: L. K. England, Arthur Proctor, Neals Kjar, Ludwig Loie and Edgar Owens, all of whom were convicted with William Bross Lloyd for violation of the state espionage act. The picture was taken just before they were started for the Joliet penitentiary.

HUSBAND HELD IN DEATH OF PRINCE

W. Pett Charged With Killing Man in Wife's Apartment.

By International News Service.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 23.—A post-mortem was to be conducted today to determine the cause of the mysterious death of Fred W. Prince, New York city, a publicity man, at 1524 Clairmont avenue, shortly after midnight. Prince, employed by the Western Electric Company, was about forty-five.

Wesley Pett, of the Hotel Statler, in whose wife's apartment Prince died, is in custody on a murder charge.

Five others were booked as witnesses. They are Mrs. Irma Pett, Susan Turner, Mrs. Bernice Handy, Forest Applegate, and Albert Dobbiehoff.

Prince was found unconscious at midnight in the hallway on the first floor of the apartment house at the Clairmont avenue address.

No marks indicating violence were found on Prince's body, yet he is known to have been in apparent bubbling spirits and excellent health but a few moments prior to his death.

Mrs. Pett told this story, detectives say:

"I was alone in my apartment when I heard a noise. I feared it was my husband, against whom I began divorce proceedings two weeks ago, and with whom I was not living coming to annoy me. I telephoned my fears to Mrs. Handy, a friend, and she said she would come over, which she did soon, accompanied by Mr. Prince, Miss Turner, Mr. Applegate, and Mr. Dobbiehoff. He had been in my apartment only a brief time when there was a pounding on the door.

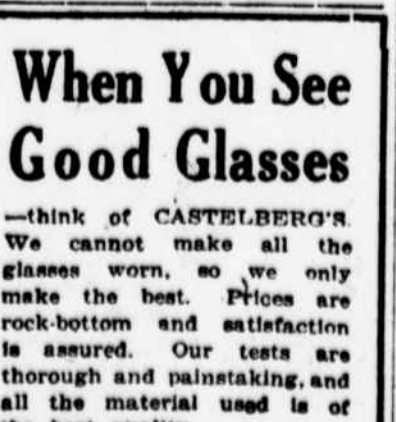
"Inquiring who was there, and receiving the answer, 'It's a taxi,' I opened the door a few inches, and peering through the small space between the door and the casing, I saw my husband. He jammed his foot against the door to prevent me from closing it. Then when I refused to release the night chain, he broke the door down. Coming inside, he demanded that all my guests leave the room. Mr. Prince obeyed, the others stayed. My husband followed him. That's all I know of the unfortunate night, except that Prince was found unconscious in the hallway and died later."

ONE ARMED AUTO DRIVING RULED WITHIN THE LAW

If persons permanently deprived of an arm can qualify to operate an automobile in Washington then the local swimmer who temporarily "parks" one of his arms about his "sweetie's" neck should not be liable to arrest for reckless driving.

This is the opinion of Inspector Albert J. Headley, head of the police traffic bureau, who reminds, however, that one hand must always remain on the steering wheel.

Inspector Headley's attitude is in contrast to that of Magistrate Stratton, of the Baltimore traffic court, who yesterday placed a fine of \$5 and costs on a young man who fell within this category and was charged with reckless driving.



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Get Auto Tags Now To Avoid Delay Later

"Somebody is gonna haf" to stand."

This is the warning of Wade H. Coombs, dispenser of 1923 automobile tags in the District building.

To date only 7,000 autoists have secured their new licenses. They can be secured now without inconvenience or waiting in line, but a little later on, Mr. Coombs warns, "somebody is going to have to stand in line for a couple of hours to get their tags."

Come early and avoid the rush, is his plea to the ninety-odd thousand automobilists who must secure their tags before 6 o'clock December 31.

WOMAN SPY ON HALL'S TRAIL, BELIEF

Police Seek Man Friend When Suspect Proves Defiant Under Questioning.

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The authorities believe that something had occurred between Dr. and Mrs. Hall just about that time to arouse the resentment of the latter. When the couple departed for home Mrs. Hall seemed to be disturbed.

Rector Seemed Excited.

There was to be a wedding at Dr. Hall's home the same evening, the principals being Howard Eden and Miss Marie Koch. The time was 7 o'clock, and Dr. Hall, upon reaching home, telephoned to Mr. Eden and Miss Koch to be sure to be on time, as "he had an important engagement."

In the excitement of the ceremony, Miss Koch fainted. The authorities have been told that Dr. Hall was apparently greatly disturbed over the delay.

Dr. Hall had been known among his friends as a very methodical person and deliberate in his movements. But upon this night, according to information said to be in the hands of detectives, he threw off his vestments and bolted out the front door as quickly as possible.

There is a supposition on the part of the authorities that Dr. Hall may have had an engagement with Mrs. Mills possibly to talk over with her incidents which had arisen when Mrs. Mills accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Hall on their outing to Lake Hopatcong a short time before.

The object of the detectives in obtaining this apparently irrelevant information is to establish whether Mrs. Hall knew of the relations of her husband and Mrs. Mills before the murder.

CHARGES PLAGIARY IN WORK OF ARTIST

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Chicago's art colony is stirred today by charges of plagiarism by Carl Hoeckner against Gerald Frank in connection with Frank's figures in his "Scherzando" in the all-American exhibit at the Art Institute.

Hoeckner charges that at least two of the figures by Frank were copies of work by Barbier, a French painter. Hoeckner took his charges to Rudolph Engle, president of the Chicago Society of Artists, and to Robert Harsh, director of the Art Institute.

BOY HUNTING FOR RABBITS KILLS HUGE BLACK BEAR

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Nov. 23.—Becoming separated from his party, Oscar Dippie, 19, hunting for rabbits and pheasants, killed a 600-pound black bear, one of the largest of its kind ever shot in that section.

The young man had only a single-half cartridge for his gun, and had he failed to kill the bear with the one shot his own predicament might have become terrible.

There is an old apple tree in the region, and the bear had been eating the fruit. It was leaving the tree when the boy discovered it.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL IS SHORT OVER \$25,000

Special Appeal Made to Citizens to Help Reach the \$45,000 Quota

A personal appeal is to be made to the business firms of Washington as well as its citizens to get behind the sixth annual roll call of the District chapter of the American Red Cross and bring it "over the top" to its quota of \$45,000 which is absolutely necessary if the chapter is to function at full strength for the coming year.

Chairman John H. Clapp of the roll call announced today that there was grave danger of a deficit in the quota, probably amounting to \$25,000. Of the \$45,000 needed only a little more than \$12,000 has been subscribed. At that rate only about \$20,000 will be realized by November 30 at the end of the roll call, leaving the chapter \$25,000 short of the amount needed to carry it on for another year. There would be no funds for disaster work, such as the Knickerbocker horror.

A splendid staff of volunteer workers have been tolling night and day. It is pointed out that the roll call is the only appeal made by the local Red Cross during the year, and that most of the money will be spent within the District.

Chairman Clapp urges 25,000 citizens to step forward with their dollar bills, and the roll call will go over in great shape. This dollar can be given in either at the Red Cross booths in banks, stores, hotels, theaters and other public places, or may be sent either to District Chapter, 16 Jackson place northwest, or to Red Cross Roll Call headquarters, 1414 F street northwest.

"One hundred per cent Red Cross" was the cheering report brought in by the Naval Hospital today by H. J. Davis, field director, detailed to the hospital. Mr. Davis reported that the patients as well as the staff of the hospital had displayed much eagerness to contribute.

As the sixth annual roll call of the District Chapter, American Red Cross, nears its close, company commanders of the fire department are making a determined effort to enlist every man who has not yet subscribed under the banner of the Red Cross, and give the department the record of 100 per cent enrollment for the first time in history.

One of the thirty-eight companies, twenty-two have reported returns so far, and eleven of this number have been 100 per cent. The others have submitted returns that were close to that mark.

CAPTURE ONE OF PARTY WHO SHOT 'MIKE' COLLINS

DUBLIN, Nov. 23.—An irregular leader, Tom Hales, who is said to have been a member of the ambush party that shot Michael Collins to death, was captured today by Free State officials said this was a most important arrest.

Thanksgiving Makes All America Kin

In the mansion the butler is thankful for American because it gives him sparkling, crystal-clear ice for many of his famous concoctions. In the simple home, "mother's" grateful because American has enabled her to prepare much of the dinner in advance—because she knows that American will preserve, for another festive meal, what is left of the "turkey and trimmings."

Everybody is thankful because American ice is absolutely pure. And American is thankful for its many patrons and many faithful employees.

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BANDITS WRECK BANK, STEAL \$4,000

Six Desperadoes Bind Marshal, Cut Wires and Then Blow Safe.

By International News Service.

GALLATIN, Mo., Nov. 23.—Three men are seriously wounded, the First National Bank here is wrecked, telephone and telegraph wires are all out, and \$4,000 is missing from the bank safe here as the result of activities early today of six desperate bank robbers.

The bandits were discovered at work by John Chamberlain, town marshal, at 4 o'clock, while robbing the safe. Binding him, the bandits set off two powerful explosions of nitroglycerine, wrecking the bank. The force of the explosion hurled chairs in all directions, wrecked partitions, and blew out windows, tearing the heavy safe apart as if it were pasteboard.

Chamberlain, meantime working loose from his bonds, opened fire on the bandits. One of the bandits, however, shot him down. He is in a serious condition.

Attracted by the explosion, townsfolk came running from all directions.

Mayor Joseph Tale, who arrived first on the scene, fell before a volley of slugs fired by the bandits. The bandits had hoped to get all of the \$30,000 kept in the bank.

BANKER SEES INCREASED WEALTH IN THE SOUTH

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 23.—A billion dollars of new wealth is being created in the South this year by the enhanced value of products, chiefly cotton, according to M. B. Welborn, governor of the Sixth Federal Reserve Bank, who addressed New Orleans bankers.

This new wealth, Mr. Welborn declared, has placed Southern farmers and the business of the South on their feet after two years of struggle against adverse conditions.

ENGLISH LIBERALS ASK CLEMENCY FOR CHILDERS

LONDON, Nov. 23.—A group of English intellectuals, headed by Sir John Simon, has appealed to President Cosgrave, of the Irish Free State, for clemency for Erskine Childers and other rebels who are facing execution.

FIGHT FOR SHIP BILL STARTS IN HOUSE

Congressman Greene Fires First Gun in Battle to Pass Subsidy.

By A. O. HAYWARD.

International News Service.

The Harding-Lasker ship subsidy bill was taken up in the House at noon today under a special rule allotting three days for consideration under general debate and three days for the presentation of amendments. To prevent a Democratic filibuster, a final vote has been set for 4 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon.

The opening gun in the battle for votes was fired by Congressman William S. Greene (Rep. of Massachusetts, chairman of the House Merchant Marine Committee, with a blunt challenge to delegations from the Middle West which are threatening to line up solidly in opposition to the bill.

Farmers Affected.

"Taught by the lessons of the great war," Greene declared, "the farmers of the inland States realize now that the merchant marine means as much and even more to them than to the producers and traders of the seaboard."

Greene said the pending measure was popularly described as a subsidy bill, but that it could "fairly be argued that the actual subsidy feature is of less magnitude than the various indirect aids which it bestows."

"These indirect aids by themselves would not suffice," he continued. "The so-called subsidies are essential to the success of the policy embodied in the bill. Without them the Shipping Board cannot sell its ships nor can we realize a full balanced merchant marine. However, the indirect aids, involving no direct payments to ship owners, make up the greatest bulk and importance of this proposal. The bill is a subsidy measure in its less and not in its greater part."

Clear-Cut Issue.

Greene declared the issue raised by the bill was "squarely one between America and foreign nations."

"There is no middle ground," he said, "no possible compromise. Those who blindly oppose this bill show no way out. They have confessedly no policy of their own, but one of do nothing and drifting, which, as the experience of fifty years has shown, is nothing but a

President's Program

10:30 a. m.—Senator Borah of Idaho, and Congressman Winslow of Massachusetts.

10:40 a. m.—Congressman-elect Victor Berger of Wisconsin.

10:45 a. m.—Senator Kellogg of Minnesota, to present Mr. Murphy.

11 a. m.—Senator Shortridge of California.

11:15 a. m.—Senator Spencer of Missouri.

11:20 a. m.—Senator Ball of Delaware.

11:30 a. m.—Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, of Ohio.

11:45 a. m.—Committee from National Association of State Railroad Commission.

12 noon.—Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania, and Howard Heinz of Pittsburgh.

12:15 p. m.—Johnston B. Campbell, Interstate Commerce Commissioner.

12:30 p. m.—Miss Ann Morgan.

12:45 p. m.—Dr. Strecker and party to pay respects.

12:40 p. m.—Harry H. Schlacht, of New York, to present flag made by East Side Gold Star Mothers.

Land Grant College president.

policy of defeat and surrender. What Europe on the east and Japan on the west desire is the defeat of President Harding's recommendations and the continuance of that same do-nothing policy which in the past has given foreign interests a monopoly in nine-tenths of our overseas carrying and would most certainly give them a like monopoly again."

TURK CHAMP SPEEDS FOR HARDING THANKSGIVING

Supreme III, who is to the turkeys of America what Mustafa Kemal is to the Turks of Asia Minor, is coming East. He is to visit the President—he with him and his family at Thanksgiving dinner, in fact—but Supreme III won't know anything about that.

Scaling forty-one pounds cooipede, Supreme III is the gift to the Presidential banqueting board of the Harding Girls' Club of Morris & Co., Chicago packers, who presented the first Harding turkey for the November festival of plenty. He will be brought from Chicago to Washington in a one-ton GMC truck, furnished by the General Motors Truck Company, and the trip will be made without a stop, two drivers alternating at the wheel.

The merry villagers en route will be apprised of the approach of the sacrificial chariot by loud screams from a fire siren attached to it. The executioner will be in readiness when Supreme III, modishly garbed in a black-and-gold motor coat and helmet, steps from the truck in Washington, his last journey done.

BRITISH SERVE WARNING ON TURKS

Sir Charles Harrington Orders Them to Desist From Usurping Authority.

By International News Service.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 23.—The situation in Constantinople took another serious turn today when Gen. Sir Charles Harrington, British commander-in-chief, served a warning upon the Turkish government that the Turks must cease at once their efforts to usurp allied authority.

The governor said he would have to consult with the Angora government before making an answer.

POSTMASTERS FOR TWO VIRGINIA CITIES NAMED

President Harding sent to the Senate yesterday the following nominations:

To be postmasters: Bedford, Ind., Benjamin F. Pittman; Frankfort, Ind., Edward A. Spray; Monticello, Ind., Ben Price, Jr.; Lansing, Mich., Walter G. Rogers; Dayton, Ohio, Lincon C. Welmer; Richmond, Va., Joseph W. Stewart; Portsmouth, Va., Patrick J. Riley.

To be collector of customs for district No. 45, with headquarters at St. Louis, Mo., Louis H. Hall.

To be collector of customs for district No. 17, with headquarters at Savannah, Ga., George V. Denny.

To be controller of customs for district No. 20, with headquarters at New Orleans, Walter L. Cohen.

SIX MONTHS IN JAIL FOR TOTTING PISTOL

James H. Gross, colored, who said he had worked every day of his life except six months he spent at Occoquan for slapping a girl, will deduct six months more from his working record as a result of his arraignment in Police Court for carrying a pistol.

Gross was arrested in a restaurant in the colored section of Seventh street. He is said to have asked for a cigarette and when refused, drew the gun, saying: "If I don't get the cigarette, you'll get this."

Judge Hardison sentenced him to six months in jail.



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